

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

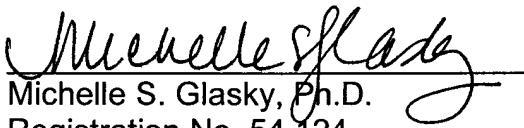
Claims 1-17 are presently pending. Claims 18-31 have been withdrawn without prejudice in response to a Restriction Requirement. The Applicants respectfully cancel claims 1-17 and submit new claims 32-50. New claims 32-50 are consistent with election made by the Applicants in their March 28, 2005 response. New claims 32-50 do not introduce new matter and find their support throughout the specification. The Applicants believe that new claims 32-50 better define the novel and non-obvious aspect of the invention and eliminate the means-plus-function language previously used; thus the Applicants believe that all outstanding 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph rejections of record are traversed. Moreover, the Applicants have thoughtfully considered the Examiner's 35 U.S.C §103(a) rejections of record and respectfully assert that these rejections are now moot in light of the Applicants' new claims. Thus the Applicants respectfully assert that new claims 32-50 are novel and non-obvious and therefore respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 32-50 in his next official office action.

Additionally, typographical errors in the specification were corrected. No new matter was introduced as a result of the correction of the typographical errors.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

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